

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of October 20, 2011**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Robin Stein at 1:41 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
Colin Tait  
Vice Chairman  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.  
Edward S. Wilensky

Philip T. Ashton  
James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Barbara Currier Bell  
Larry Levesque  
(designee for Commissioner DelGobbo)

**Council Members Absent:**

Brian Golembiewski  
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

**Staff Members Present:**

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director  
Melanie Bachman  
Staff Attorney

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
David Martin  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Staff Members Absent**

Christina Walsh  
Siting Analyst Supervisor

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of October 6, 2011.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 411 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 1363 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 412 - SBA Towers III and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at Wewaka Brook Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order. Motion for Reconsideration.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, denying the proposed facility without prejudice, seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to reopen and reconsider the application under C.G.S. § 4-181a(a), seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 414 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 416 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Day Hill Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Wilensky, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, and Chairman Stein in favor of the alternate site located off of Day Hill Road; and Mr. Tait in favor of a site without preference for the proposed or alternate site. Mr. Lynch stated for the record that he has yet to complete reading the transcripts and did not participate in the non-binding straw poll.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**DOCKET NO. 421 - T-Mobile Northeast LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 158 Edison Road, Trumbull, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Tait moved to approve intervenor status under C.G.S. § 16-50n and C.G.S. § 4-177a, and CEPA intervention status under C.G.S. § 22a-19 to Citizens Against Trumbull Tower, and to deny T-Mobile's objection and request for oral argument. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 422 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 655 Basset Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve party status to the Town of Watertown, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve intervenor status to Robert and Cathleen Alex, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 983 - BNE Energy, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Flagg Hill Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the site clearing portion of the Development and Management Plan, and to approve Dr. Michael Klemens as the environmental inspector for the project, with the following condition:

- Dr. Michael Klemens shall submit bi-weekly environmental erosion and sedimentation control monitoring reports per section 2k (4) of the letter dated September 1, 2011 from Matthew Davison, Registered Soil Scientist, VHB, Inc.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-METROPCS-004-110929MA - MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a MetroPCS request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 224 Lovely Street, Avon, Connecticut.**

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower sharing request, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Emergency Disaster Recovery Deployment - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC temporary cellular communications site on town-owned property located at 161 Cosey Beach Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut. Extension of Temporary Authorization.**

Mr. Murphy moved to grant a 30-day extension, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**CSC Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.**

Mr. Ashton moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bell moved to send the budget to the Energy and Telecommunications Industry for a 30-day comment period, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters.**

Chairman Stein announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2011.

Other calendar dates are as follows:

- Thursday, October 27, 2011, beginning at beginning at **2:00 p.m.** (field review)/**3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, field review and public hearing for Docket No. 422 (No. Atlantic/Cingular), at the Watertown High School Auditorium, 324 French Street, Watertown
- Tuesday, November 1, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 412 (SBA/Cingular/Bridgewater), in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Thursday, November 3, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
- Thursday, November 10, 2011, public hearing for Docket No. 421 **2:00 p.m.** field review/**3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.**, hearing at the Trumbull Library, Community Room, 33 Quality Street, Trumbull
- Tuesday, November 15, 2011, beginning at **2:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.**, public hearing for the Life-Cycle, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

- Thursday, November 17, 2011, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Ashton moved for the Council to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Members, Executive Director Linda Roberts, Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman, Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi, and Assistant Attorney General Claire Kindall entered Executive Session pursuant to C.G. S. § 1-200(6)(B), to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation, at 2:25 p.m.

Mr. Tait moved to exit Executive Session at 3:19 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy noted for the record that no decisions or votes were made during the Executive Session.

### **Adjournment.**

Mr. Tait moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robin Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm